
21st FEBRUARY, 1804.

Read the first and second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House, on Friday next.

An Act

To ascertain the boundary of the lands reserved by the state of Virginia, north west of the river Ohio, for the satisfaction of her officers and soldiers on continental establishment, and to limit the period for locating the said lands.

1 **Be it enacted**, by the Senate and House of Representatives
2 of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That
3 the line, run under the direction of the surveyor general of the
4 United States, from the source of the Little Miamia, towards the
5 source of the Scioto, and which binds on the east, the surveys of
6 the lands of the United States, shall, together with its course con-
7 tinued to the Scioto river, be considered and held as the westerly
8 boundary line, north of the source of the Little Miamia, of the
9 territory reserved by the state of Virginia, between the Little

10 Miamia and Scioto rivers, for the use of the officers and soldiers
 11 of the-continental line of that state: *Provided*, That the state of
 12 Virginia shall, within two years after the passing of this act, recog-
 13 nise such line as the boundary of the said territory.

1 SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all the officers and
 2 soldiers, or their legal representatives, who are entitled to bounty
 3 lands within the above mentioned reserved territory, shall com-
 4 plete their locations within three years after the passing of this
 5 act, and every such officer and soldier, or his legal representative,
 6 whose bounty land has, or shall have been located within that
 7 part of the said territory, to which the Indian title has been extin-
 8 guished, shall make return of his or their surveys, to the secretary
 9 of the department of war, within five years after the passing of
 10 this act, and shall also exhibit, and file with the said secretary,
 11 and within the same time, the original warrant or warrants under
 12 which he claims, or a certified copy thereof, under the seal of the
 13 office where the said warrants are legally kept; which warrant,
 14 or certified copy thereof, shall be sufficient evidence that the gran-
 15 tee therein named, or the person under whom such grantee claims,
 16 was originally entitled to such bounty land: and every person
 17 entitled to said lands, and thus applying, shall thereupon be enti-
 18 tled to receive a patent in the manner prescribed by law.

1 SECT. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That such part of the above
 2 mentioned reserved territory as shall not have been located, and
 3 those tracts of land, within that part of the said territory to which

4 the Indian title has been extinguished, the surveys whereof shall
5 not have been returned to the secretary of war, within the time
6 and times prescribed by this act, shall thenceforth be released
7 from any claim or claims for such bounty lands, and shall be dis-
8 posed of in conformity with the provisions of the act, entitled,
9 “ An act in addition to, and modification of, the propositions con-
10 tained in the act, entitled, ‘ An act to enable the people of the
11 eastern division of the territory north west of the river Ohio, to
12 form a constitution and state government, and for the admission
13 of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original
14 states ; and for other purposes.”

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Read the third time, and passed the Senate.

ATTEST,

SAMUEL A. OTIS, *Secretary.*
